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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 61, 64, 79, 84, 86, 123, 125 (6)

Part B for January 1916 to April 1917

SUBJECT.

Correspondence relating to the supply of rapi to Wadduwatham.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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NOTES.

File No. 134

FILE HEADING.

Arrangements for supply of foodstuffs -

From

The A. A. Resident

D.O. No. 8322 Dated 4.12.18 Received 5-12-18

Diary No. 8962	Enclos. one Spare Copies. -	Serial No. 61.

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwards for necessary enquiry & consideration a copy of a telegram dt 30th Dec 1918 from Mr Wapshare a planter of Nadukatam regarding the control of the price of rice in the state -

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Chief Secy's orders

Send to R. C & copy to D.C.S

for enquiry & necessary action & report of action taken - Init) C.S.B. 5/12/18

Draft sent

5/12/18

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WD 1232—GPB—20,000—18-11-18

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General and Revenue Secretariat. | DP. File No. 134 of 191 8

Serial No.	
64	To The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore No 3. 10628 dt 5.12.18 Asks copy of the G.O. referred to in Serial 61 and requests that need for action may be fully in the matter and report 3 No report has been received from the Revenue Commr. Disposed Mg 11/12/18 4. Done Mg 11/12/18
79	From The Revenue Commr. No T.C. 8. dated 10-12-18. States that the rules fixing maximum and Wholesale prices for Rafi ne in the State cannot be relaxed at present and that the normal requirement Reduction may be [illegible] on requisitions [illegible] in the Dist. 5 Submitted for orders Sro 10/12/18 Chf Secy 11/12/18

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Serial No.

84 From the F. A. Resident
D.O. No 8493 dy 11th Dec 1918—
In contn of his D.O. forwards for consideration a copy of a D.O. dy 5th Dec 1918 from Messrs Wapshare & Bird. Planters in the Nilgiris.
6 With refce to the last course suggested in the letter from the Planters of making sufficient supplies of ragi available to them at the controlled price, it is submd that according to the estimate furnished by the Dr of Civil Supplies - Madras - the expert of 2.000 bags of ragi are being allowed to Coonoor every month - Go. No G 61857-P 66-18-5 dy 24-9-18.

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7 It will not be possible for this Govt to ascertain the requirements of the several Planters & Farmers in the cookies to supply their normal requirement As already suggested in a separate letter to the Residency - the local offices there may note the requirements & settle in a coffee with the regular offices - the quantity required for region & take charge thereof for

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8 Mr. Rent — enquiries to Mr. Madhava Rao remarks — LD

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There may be 13.1
the 3rd case pended
the grants are fixed hereafter

9 Forwarded with compliments to the Food Controller for favour of his views.

12/12/18

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P/S Balasundaram

10 Returned with compliments. Mr Wapshare's letter I take it refers not to the particular needs of his State but to the policy of the Mysore Govt.

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11 One of his suggestions is that we should withdraw all restrictions and permit ~~xxxxx~~ merchants from the Mysore to purchase in the markets of the State adequate supplies of foodstuffs to meet

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this requirements. An alternative suggestion is that we should make available to them sufficient supplies at the controlled price.

2 Withdrawing all restrictions is not within the region of practical politics at present. Allowing their merchants to buy as they like would result in their paying much more than our maximum prices, and in our not buying both for export outside, rather than for consumption within the State. Ourselves making the supplies available would be preferable but for the fact that our Commanders operations do not proceed fast enough even for our own requirements, and it is extremely undesirable to undertake the added responsibility of supplying the needs of other areas as well.

3 What I think may be done as regards Judaical supplies is, first, to fix the quantities to be allowed to be exported, and then to license one or two firms of Jain merchants in Jindaipet to buy the grains required for Judaical at prices not exceeding our maximum rate in specified areas. As our Commanders prices are considerably lower than the maximum

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prices, such licensed merchants should have no great difficulty in getting their supplies from stockholders. There is at least one firm in Jundalpet (which is a branch in Judalur), and which is always supplied from parts of Judalur. If the authorities in Bilgiris would come to an understanding with such a firm, we can give them licenses to buy rabi and we in the Hill Cadewandate could negotiate talks up to a limit to be decided upon. I would also suggest that wherever practicable a similar course should be adopted for all exports outside the State.

Yours
Food Controller

Dy no
15 Dec 18

Chief Secy 17/12/18

14. Provided more than one merchant firm is licensed so as ensure certain amount of competition the course suggested by the D.C may be adopted.

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15) The Superintendent of the T.C has by my approval. He is may be called as early

16) There is no letter Mayo Guns Copy may be sent [illegible] for inf. -

17) The T.R may be referred to in suitable terms

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18) Mr. Earle
ADJ
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19) reply
Draft to the Residency surg
Secy
23/12/18

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20) Issue
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From

The Deputy Commissioner, Bijapur District

No F.271 D 9.12.1918.

States that the Amildar Gundlupet has been authorised to permit the passing of usual supplies to Gundalur, though it was prohibited for a time in accordance with the G.O. dated 25.11.18 and encloses a copy of his letter to the Collector of Bijapur in [illegible]

Submitted.

The file relating to this Subject is put up in another Connection.

For the Commissioner [illegible]

The receipt of a Communication from the Residency in the matter arranging for a conference of the officers of the Durbar and those of the Madras Presidency may be awaited. The Rev Com has been requested to issue instructions 13/12/18 to allow 50 bags of rice & 150 bags

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Chief Secy

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For perusal

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Serial No.	
125(B)	To The D. H. R No. Pol 603/Misc I Dt 24/12/18 In reply to 84, states that the Durbar will have no objection to issue licenses to merchants from Erode to buy ragi & rice in the Hegga-dadevankote & Nanjangud Taluks that may be the limit decided upon at the Coffee Reg. 12458 - I/ 24.12.18 Copy to the Food Controller & Rev Commissioner
125	From The Rev Commissioner- No. F.C. 8 dated 21-12-1918. In continuation of 79, states that it is reported that the supply of 150 tons of ragi allowed for the Gudalur Taluk during December is presumed to cover the requirements of Nadukattam as well & that no further export for Nadukattam is necessary Submitted for perusal. 24/12/18

Noted
24/12/1918

SECRETARIAT II
TO POLITICAL BRANCH.
27 JAN 1919

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WD A 1789—GPB—60,000—20-8-18—S

THE MYSORE RESIDENCY.

Bangalore, 4th November 1918.

Dear Mr. Balasundaram Iyer,

I am desired to enclose a copy of a telegram dated the 3rd December 1918, from Mr. Wapshare, a Planter of Naduvatam in regard to the control of the price of ragi in the State and to say that, although this reference by the gentleman in question has been made in an irregular form, but in view of the apparent urgent nature of the case, Mr. Cobb trusts that the Durbar will enquire into the matter and give it their sympathetic consideration.

Yours sincerely,

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Telegram, dated the 3rd December 1918, from Mr. Wapshare, Hal[illegible]am, to the Hon'ble the British Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

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Sir have honour represent as follows: Mysore Government's control price for ragi unacceptable by sellers. Consequently supplies not forth-coming at bazaars. Stop. If bought above control price license refused or grain liable requisition. Stop. Position therefore impossible can end only in ruin coffee planting industry as crop now rip[illegible] Stop. Starvation our labour imminent. Stop. Request advice and assistance. Stop. Reply Wapshare.

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"C O P Y"

REGISTRAR.

G. R. S. VI—G/32]

SUBJECT.....

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Diary No. of letter replied to .. ..

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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Date of issue 5.12.18

Signed by M. F.G. Shr

Section

File No. 11.1.13 [illegible]

Serial No.

No. G106281

To

The Rev Cmr in

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Sir,

~~I am directed~~ In

forwarding herewith a

copy of a telegram of the

3rd Dec(918 from Mr Wapshare

a Planter of Nadivatcam

to the Hon'ble the Resident in

Negne regarding the con-

trol of the price of rice in the

State I am directed to

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request that needful action be
taken in the matter after
making the necessary
Enquiries -

~~The~~ report of action taken
in this behalf be ~~intimated~~ submitted
to the undersigned -

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Copy to the Dy Com
Supplies in Enquiries con-
cerning of the telegram regd to
Bo
Recd/sec

List of enclosures.

Copied by

Examined by

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Immediate

OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE.

No. 768.

Bangalore, 9th December 1918.

FROM

DIARY NO. 9280

K.R. Srinivasaiengar Esq., M.A.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

To

Chief
The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
~~Department.~~

SIR,

Adverting to your letter No.G.10628/P.P.134-18-64 dated 5th December 1918 forwarding copy of a telegram from Mr.Wapshare to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore regarding the control of the price of ragi in the State, I have the honor to state that the policy of fixing maximum wholesale and retail prices for ragi and other local food-stuffs was adopted by Government after mature consideration and I do not think that the situation has yet so far improved as to justify a relaxation in the rules. If Naduvatam used to get its supplies usually from Mysore, arrangements may be made to supply, as far as possible, the normal requirements of the place on requisitions from the Collector of the District or some other responsible officer.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Revenue Commissioner.

H.V.

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From

The *Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.*

To Chief
The Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
~~*Department.*~~

Dated 9th October 1918.

Despatched

Received

General No. ೨೮೪

Enclosure No.

SUBJECT.

Re the telegram from Mr. Wapshire to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore in re the control of the price of ragi in the State.

D.O. No. 8493

DIARY NO. 9356

THE RESIDENCY
BANGALORE.
11 December 1918.

Dear Mr. Balasundaram Iyer,

In continuation of my Demi Official letter No. 8322 dated the 4th December 1918, regarding the control of the price of ragi in the Mysore State, I am desired to forward, for consideration , a copy of a letter, dated the 5th December 1918, from Messrs. Wapshare & Bird, Planters in the Nilgiris.

Yours sincerely,

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Letter dated the 4th December 1918, from Messrs. Wapshare and Bird, "Naduvatum," Nilgiris, to the Hon'ble the British Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

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We sent you a telegram on the 3rd instant reading as follows:- "Sir have honour represent as follows:- Mysore Governments Control "price for Ragi unacceptable by sellers, consequently supplies not "forthcoming at bazaars. If bought above control price, licence "refused, or grain liable requisition. Position therefore impossible " can end only in ruin Coffee Planting Industry as Crop now ripe. "Starvation our Labour imminent'. Request advice and assistance. "Reply Wapshare."
and this we now have the honour to confirm.

In approaching you directly on this matter, we are of course aware that you are not the authority primarily responsible, but we venture to think that we are right in regarding you, not only as the Representativ of British interests in Mysore, but also of Mysore interests in British India, and the welfare of Natives of Mysore at present domiciled in this part of the country, must we are sure, be of paramount concern to you. We approach you on the matter not as traders, desirous of making a profit, but as the representatives of a considerable number of - - emigrants from Mysore, who are at present our employees, and on behalf of whom we feel that we must leave no stone unturned, in our endeavour to obtain an adequate supply of food. In our opinion, the Mysore Government, in fixing the maximum price of Ragi at the figure which they have done, have taken a step which is calculated merely to drive supplies "underground" and with the experience on this very point, which is now available from the disastrous mistakes made in other countries in recent times, and where conditions are much more highly organized, we can only express our amazement, that such an ill-considered measure was ever introduced. In dealing with a complicated question such as the fixing of maximum prices, it is not sufficient to stop at merely fixing the price, it is necessary to ensure that

supplies

supplies will be forthcoming at the price fixed upon.

There are 3 courses open to the Mysore Government. The first is to allow its people, at present situated in this part of the country, to starve, or to see the remnants returning to Mysore in a famished condition and broken in health. The second is to promptly withdraw restrictions and to permit us to purchase, in the markets of the State, adequate supplies of food stuffs to meet our requirements, remembering that it is not our object to obtain more than what is necessary, and to allow us to export these without let or hindrance The third course is to make sufficient supplies available to us, at the controlled price.

The last course is undoubtedly the most desirable, if it can be arranged. The second is a practical one, and any loss over and above what might be considered a fair price, will be borne, as it has been for some time past, by the estates concerned. The first course is unthinkable. We may incidentally point out a fact, that you are doubtless aware of i.e., that our coffee crop is now ripening on the trees, and that anything in the nature of scarcity of food for our labourers, will mean that we will be unable to pick it, and so be ruined.

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"C O P Y"

REGISTRAR.

DIARY NO. 9380

No. F. 271/
Dec: 1918

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District,
Dated, Mysore, 9th December 1918.

From

T. Chokkanna, Esq., B.A.,

Offg. Deputy Commissioner,

Mysore District.

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,

Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your Memo No. G. 10786 dated 6th December 1918, in the matter of allowing normal supplies of food grains to Gudalur Taluk, Nilgiris District, I have the honour to state that on receipt of Government Order No. 93' 432/P.P.134-18-26 dated 25th November 1918, prohibiting the export of Food grains from the State, orders were issued to the Taluks to stop all such exports. Later, when it was represented that Gudalur people would be put to inconvenience if all supplies were cut off, telegraphic instructions were issued both to the Assistant Commissioner, Nanjangud and to the Amildar, Gundlupet, to pass normal supplies to Gudalur, and this was communicated to the Deputy Tahsildar of Gudalur and also ~~the~~ to the Collector of Nilgiris.

2. In accordance with the instructions conveyed in para 5 of Revenue Commissioner's D.O. letter of the 29th November 1918, instructions have been issued to the Taluks to allow export of normal quantities of supplies to the frontier British Districts, as usual, pending issue of further orders on the subject.

3. I also enclose for information copy of my letter No. F. 271 dated 8th December 1918 to the Collector of Nilgiris in the matter.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

H.N.

for Deputy Commissioner, Mysore Dt. (absent from ct.)

W.D. 0244—GPB—6,00,000—19-5-16—S.

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From

The Deputy Commissioner,

Mysore District.

To

The Chief Secretary to

Government, Bangalore.

Dated 9th December 1918.

Despatched

Received

General No.

No.

Enclosure No.

Submits report regarding supplies to Gudalur Taluk.

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District,
Dated, Mysore, 8th December 1918.

Dear Sir,

I have received your wire and confirm my wire. In the terms of Government Order No. 9378-432/P.P.134-18-26 dated 25th November 1918, absolutely prohibiting exports from the State, orders were issued to the Amildar, Gundlupet, to stop all exports. Later, when it was reported that Gudalur people would be put to inconvenience if all supplies were cut off, the Amildar was ordered to let out normal exports. He writes to say that taking advantage of the large difference in the price of food stuffs in Mysore and your District, merchants from there are coming over in numbers and offering high prices to the growers in the Gundlupet Taluk, are taking out large stocks to sell in the Gudalur area at the higher prices prevailing there. This is surely likely to unsettle our operations of commanding stocks in the State. I have therefore issued orders to the Amildar, Gundlupet, to let out only the quantity originally engaged under passes from him and to stop all other attempts at surreptitious exports. I hope this will meet the situation.

"Amildar Gundlupet instructed pass normal exports Gudalur."

Of rice, there is very little that the Taluk grows and can supply outside. I would suggest therefore arrangements be made through the Food Controller, Madras, for this commodity. I am writing to the Amildar, Gundlupet, in like terms. No rice may go out from there.

In this connection, I would propose that some arrangement of sending out consignments of supplies through Government Agency, at prices beneficial to the grower and the consumer may be come to between us.

At present, our prices are controlled and under threat of prosecution, the merchant taking out stock to Gudalur gets it comparatively cheap and makes a huge profit by

by selling it at the prices prevailing there. This does not appeal to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, nor to me.

If you can authorise the Tahsildar, Gudalur, to take over the supplies sent out from Mysore and arrange to issue them either to consumers or to retail merchants for sale by the latter under controlled prices, I can ask the Amildar, Gundlupet, to send out weekly supplies in charge of any official that may be deputed by the Tahsildar for the purpose.

The difference in the prices is so perceptible that it may be worth the while of our Government to open an Export Depot at Gundlupet and send out the grain officially at the prices prevailing in your District. I do not see why the middlemen should rake all this profit.

I should request to be favoured with your views in this matter at the earliest opportunity.

Yours truly,

Sd/- T. Chokkanna,

H.H.

Deputy Commissioner.
Mysore District.

The Collector,
Nilgiris.

"C o p y"

Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE.

No. 4C8

Bangalore, 19th December 1918.

FROM

K.R. Srinivasiengar, Esquire, M.A.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

To

Chief
The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
~~Department~~ xxx

SIR,

In continuation of my letter to you No.F.C.8 of the 10th instant regarding the complaint of Mr. Wapshare, Planter at Naduvatam, about the control of the price of Ragi in the State, I have the honour to state that the Food Controller reports that the supply of 150 tons of Ragi allowed for the Gudalur Taluk for the month of December 1918 is presumed to cover the requirements of Naduvatam as well and that no further export for Naduvatam is necessary.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Revenue Commissioner.

B.R.

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From

The *Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.*

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore, ~~Department~~.

Dated 19th December 1918.

Despatched

Received

General No.

Enclosure No.

SUBJECT.

Re the complaint of Mr. Wapshare, Planter at Naduvatam, about the control of the price of Ragi in the State.

D.O. P/134-18-25B
Pd 603/Guare
24.12.18

To

The First Assistant to the Hon'ble
the Resident in Mysore.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your Demi Official letter No. 8493, dated the 11th December 1918, forwarding for consideration a copy of a letter dated 5th December 1918 from -- Messrs. Wapshare and Bird, Planters in the Nilgiris, I am desired to state that His Highness' Government have considered the suggestions contained therein and are of opinion that the best course to adopt as regards the Gudalur supplies would be to fix the quantities that may be allowed to be exported and then to license one or 2 merchants in Gundlupet to buy the grains required for Gudalur, at prices not exceeding the maximum rates fixed, in areas specified for the purpose. As there is a fair margin of difference between the commandeering and the wholesale maximum rates the former being lower than the latter (Vide copy of Notification enclosed for reference) the licensed merchants will, it is anticipated, have no difficulty in getting their supplies from stock holders.

2. It is learnt that there is already one firm in Gundlupet (with a branch

in

in Gudalur) which has always supplied food grains to Gudalur. If the authorities in the Nilgiris would come to an understanding with such a firm, the Durbar will have no objection to give them -- licenses to buy ragi and rice in the Heggadadevankote and Nanjungode Taluks up to the limit that may be decided upon.

Yours sincerely,

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Copy to P.C. Nilgiris
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